



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

United States Army Corps of Engineers Day

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers was founded in Charlestown, Massachusetts, on the eve of the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 16, 1775; and

WHEREAS, the Army Engineers have greatly contributed to the development and prosperity of Rhode Island through improving navigation in eighteen Rhode Island ports, including the deep-draft facilities of Providence Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the Army Engineers have also been successful in implementing local protection work, such as the construction of the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier in Providence and the correction of erosion problems at four Rhode Island beaches; and

WHEREAS, flood control works designed by the Army Engineers have cost \$32.7 million to construct but have prevented an estimated \$187 million worth of damage in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the Army Engineers have constructed military facilities, including harbor fortifications, Army and Air Force installations and Cold War air and missile bases; and

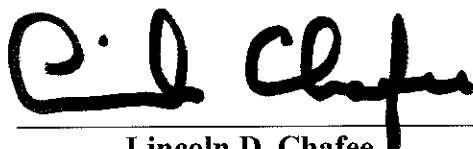
WHEREAS, the men and women of the New England District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers continue to provide support to the citizens of Rhode Island; and

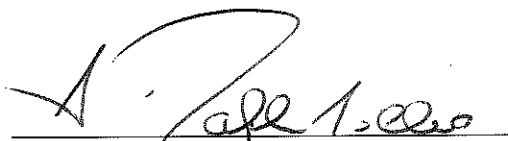
WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers New England District will be holding its Change of Command ceremony on July 29, 2011; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim July 29, 2011 as United States Army Corps of Engineers Day in the State of Rhode Island and call on all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 14th day of June, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State